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¶1. (C) Polmilooff delivered reftel talking points and questions/answers to Paul Wilke (Head, Nuclear Affairs and Non-Proliferation Division, MFA) October 18 . Wilke said he would pass the points to the Dutch delegation in preparation for the October 19-20 NSG Consultative Group in Vienna. He added that the Dutch are "realistic about this fait accompli," and will try to "make the best of it". Wilke noted that many of the objections the Dutch might raise during the Consultative Group are intended for Dutch domestic political consumption -- the Dutch government would like to be able to tell Parliament that it made a "good faith effort" to raise concerns related to Dutch nuclear industry posed by the U.S.-India civil nuclear cooperation agreement.

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